

**JAMUL DULZURA  
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP**

**April 22, 2008 Draft Minutes  
(To be approved May 13, 2008)**

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1. **Call to Order:** Dan Neirinckx Chair called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**

**Present:** Dan Kjonegaard, Dan Neirinckx, Janice Grace, Wythe Davis, James Talbot, Steve Wragg, Krishna Toolsie, Linda Ivy, Janet Mulder and Frank Hewitt,  
**Excused:** Judy Bohlen  
**Absent:** Earl Katzer, Randy White, Richard Wright and Martin Muschinske,
3. **Motion to approve the Minutes for April 8, correcting the minutes to reflect that and the Agenda April 22, 2008 as amended adding item #11, and moving item 10 to follow 5, and posted 72 hours before this meeting at the Post Office. Motion to approve passed unanimously.**
4. **OPEN FORUM - Opportunity for public to speak - limit 3 minutes**
  - a. **Kiwanis Community Scholarship Dinner will be held on June 21 from 4 on held at the Terri Lorenz' Ranch to raise funds for scholarships. For more information contact James Talbot or Eric Grant.**
  - b. **Drive for the Arts, which benefits Jamul Dulzura Union School District and the visual and performing arts program, will be held on May 16 and there is room for golfers, sponsors and dinner and the silent auction. For more information contact Janet Mulder**
  - c. **Frank Hewitt, Randy White and Richard Wright attended the Training for Planning Group members today. All members must attend one of the meetings or notify Cheryl Jones of your inability to attend.**
  - d. **Wythe Davis, Frank Hewitt and Randy White will miss the May 13, meeting.**
  - e. **Duncan D. Hunter will be speaking at the Jamul Kiwanis meeting who meet at the Jamul Community Church on Jamul Drive on Thursday night at 7 p.m. All are invited.**
5. **General Plan Update & Recommendation – Dan Neirinckx** stated that there was nothing to report, as the Steering Committee has not received feedback from all of the groups. Dan will attend the meeting on Saturday and report back to us.
6. **US Fish and Wildlife Service Plan for Use of their Lands. Linda Ivy introduced Vicki Touchstone, Refuge Planner and Jill Terp, Refuge Manager** who explained the four alternatives that have been proposed as they wish to have our suggestions. They had a sign-up sheet for information and presented each of us with the latest Planning Update dated March 3, 2008 and a brochure. They showed a map, which delineated the parcels that are presently owned by US Fish and Wildlife as that is the only land for which they will be planning. They manage their land through the National Wildlife Refuge and the wildlife comes first in their planning. There are at least

twelve endangered species within the refuge and 32 within the MSCP lands. They also are responsible for wildlife photography, hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, environmental education and interpretation. They need to determine that an activity is appropriate for the area if it does not fit into these six. Other conserved lands do about their land and they will be working with those agencies to make sure that their land management concerns are worked on together. Comments have been taken from all of the meetings and now are looking at alternative proposals to follow NEPA, which is the National Environmental Protection Act. They want to have us comment on the alternatives of their proposed uses, including the hunting proposals, whether additional trail segments are necessary, etc. Comment period is over on April 28, but they will give us until May to get it done. The geo-caching community has been working to get some interpretative signs to use.

**Alternative A** – no action – all things remain as they are today. **Alternative B** – Expand the current use including evaluating trails and designate signed, maintained trails which could include hiking, horseback riding and non-motorized vehicles. They would proposed some additional multi-use trails in some areas and only hiking trails in other areas, however they cannot propose a trail through private property, so some do not connect. This alternative permits dogs on leash on multi-use trails, but no hunting or fishing. **Alternative C** – Preferred Alternative – 560 acres on Las Montanas for hunting quail, rabbit and use of archery for deer. No rifles, but shotguns would be allowed, with a shorter hunting season. There would be a reduced number of trails including pedestrian and some multi-use trails. They would work with Caltrans to get a staging area near the Steele Bridge to accommodate riders and hikers. **Alternative D** – Maximize wildlife management and use, including reintroducing endangered species. There are significantly more multi-use trails including a trail over McGinty Mountain. There would be 35 miles of multi-use trails and allow dogs on all trails. There would be 965 acres would be open for hunting. Falconry would be allowed.

**The project will be available for review in late summer.** There is a much deeper explanation of the trails for us on the website [www.fws.gov/sandiegorefuges/new/ccp2/ccp2/.htm](http://www.fws.gov/sandiegorefuges/new/ccp2/ccp2/.htm). **Steve Wragg** asked why the differentiation between hiking and multi-use trails, and **Vicki** pointed out that people walking would be lots less disturbing than biking or hunting. **Frank Hewitt** pointed out that shooting a gun on McGinty Mountain echoes throughout the whole area and could be dangerous to surrounding residential areas. **Vicki** said that they are required to analyze the use to see if it is compatible. **Krishna Toolsie** asked what was the outlay for funds and why were they out of funds at this point? **Vicki** pointed out that the budget for the Department of Interior determines how much land they can acquire for MSCP and **Jill** stated that they do get some mitigation land given to them, but that the land costs are so very high, that they have not been able to acquire more lands. The 2010 budget is now being worked on, but they do not know what that will be. **Krishna** suggested that since land is dropping in value that now might be the time for the US Fish and Wildlife Service to purchase land. **Jill** stated that the federal government can only go with their appraisals. **Marty Muschinske** asked if they had a mechanism for obtaining lands from a mitigation bank and **Jill** stated that it is possible for people to work through the Department to set up mitigation banks. **Janice Grace** thanked the presenters for their overview and asked about other criteria such as cost which affects the alternative that will be selected and whether the budget

would influence which alternative can be selected. **Vicki** said that they propose a project and then look at other partners to make it work. **Linda Ivy** asked about dogs that are trained for tracking use on these trails. **Vicki** stated that dog training is available in Hollenbeck Canyon. **Linda** asked about the stabilization being done to the old barn near Vista Sage and **Jill** said they were shoring it up not to the point to be habitable, but just so it will not get any worse. They are looking at it as an interpretative site and will remove the temporary bridge. **Janet Mulder** asked for them to very carefully watch and to be very leery of the use of any hunting on McGinty Mountain or Las Montanas as both areas look down on residential areas. **Dan Neirinckx** asked if they were looking at other land owned by BLM for example, to be added to the refuge. **Jill** stated that it is a possibility, but that the mineral rights that come with the BLM land might cause a problem. **Dan** asked about any effort to coordinate the federal, state and county plans to conserve the wildlife through acquisition. He suggested that they as Federal Wildlife need to take the initiative to make a plan. **Vicki** pointed out that in all of the alternatives there is a some coordination through the MSCP. **Dan Kjonggaard** thanked the ladies for their presentation and pointed out that a complaint that he has heard is from the residents off Millar Ranch Road wanting to have the road repaired at the seasonal creek bed. **Jill** said that it was owned by Caltrans, not U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and Caltrans is responsible for it. **Dan** asked who has suggested the land be used for hunting purposes. **Vicki** stated that they are required to look at all uses and that hunting was considered for all refuges. **Randy White** asked why they didn't have the hunting proposed for San Miguel Mountain Area as opposed to either McGinty Mountain or Las Montanas as it would be far less impactful on the residents of our Planning Area. **Mike Casinelli, resident, asked** if they had any measurable effects on wildlife from the Suycan Casino. **Jill** stated that they have nothing documented for their refuge. **Mike** reminded them that a casino is planned for our area and might have severe negative impacts on the surrounding refuge, and they need to address that possibility.

7. **Jamul Indian Village Casino Status Report and Recommendations: No report**
8. **Draft Otay Ranch Long-Term Implementation – Randy White stated that the Otay Ranch people have not gotten back to him regarding the permanent open space which was in the original long-term plan for permanent open space is now owned by a private entity. If we take out the 100 acres that is now owned by the private party, the negotiated settlement would be a problem as they agreed it was supposed to be 11,000 acres and they are missing part of the puzzle. He is still working on it and will get back to us.**
9. **MUP 79-026W3 – Rancho L'Abri – Linda Ivy – They asked for an extension and will be at our next meeting with their new map and the fire protection plan. She will check with Rural Fire to see if they have received it.**
10. **POD 08-009 – James Talbot stated that the County cleaned up the document and clarified the information to make it more enforceable. He did find in 36.414 C6 had to do with housed animals, and stated that if there was a frequent or long-term noise there would be a violation. He feels that this is too vague. Jim Talbot moved we recommend approval of this document as written with the condition that they clarify the terms "frequent" or "long-term" as it applies to the noise violation of a housed animal, as they are too subjective. Motion carried: 11, Yes; 0, No; 1**

**Abstention (Muschinske – needs further review)**

11. **San Diego County Draft Farming Program Plan – Martin Muschinske** reported that the basic purpose of the document is to resolve some of the conflicts between land use and conservation interests. He will continue his study of this document and bring his recommendation to the next meeting as it is due May 15.
12. **POD 08-005 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dwelling Units Zoning Ordinance revisions – Dan Neirinckx** reported that the County is trying to make their ordinance agree with the State regulations. He will do more study on it and the one thing that he has been told is that the County may recommend an administrative permit rather than a minor use permit and he pointed out to the DPLU that our planning group would have problems with this whole 2<sup>nd</sup> Dwelling Unit Ordinance.
13. **JDCPG Officer's Announcements and Reports**
  - a. **Dan went to a meeting last week in which the Chairs of the Planning Group met with a Citygate Consultant hired by DPLU to see how relations between Planning Groups and the DPLU could be improved. The Consultant as part of their report will provide input to the County.**
  - b. **TPM 21122 – Henning – Proctor Valley Road – 5 acres – 3 parcels – given to Steve Wragg to review and report back.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Dan Neirinckx adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m. reminding us that the next regular meeting is Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at Oak Grove Middle School Library.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Mulder, Secretary**